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Biden calls on Web site to remove adult services ads

Wilmington – Delaware Attorney General Beau and his colleagues in 20 other states have called on backpage.com, an online advertising Web site, to eliminate its section of adult-themed classified ads.

Biden was among the many Attorneys General who successfully persuaded online-advertising powerhouse Craigslist.org to drop its adult classifieds because the postings were being used to solicit child prostitution and other forms of human trafficking. The Attorneys General raised similar concerns about backpage.com's ads.

"Craigslist was correct to take down its ads that were exploiting women and children, and backpage.com should immediately do the same," Biden said. "This is about right and wrong, and it is wrong for a Web site to profit from prostitution, especially when it could involve children."

In addition to Delaware, states calling on backpage to close adult services are: Arkansas, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

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